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- REMARKS -

Claim 1 has been amended to more clearly define a method for executing a common task in a clustered computing environment. Support for such modification may be found for example in par. 3 and 4 on pages 1-2 of the disclosure, which describe a plurality of interconnected individual computers working together on a common storage medium.

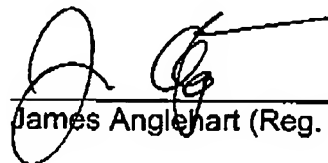
New claims 11-14 define a method for managing data version information associated with data elements on a shared storage medium in a clustered computing environment. Support for the additional claims may be found in par. 48, 52 and 53 on pages 8-9 of the disclosure.

Amended claim 1 and new claims 11-14 are believed to be fully supported by the disclosure and no new matter is being introduced herewith.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the present application is in good order for allowance, and early consideration to that end is accordingly courteously solicited.

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